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TO : Assistant Deputy Director (Administration)

DATE: 17 February 1951

FROM : Special Assistant to Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Parking Space

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1. On Friday, 16 February 1951, I met with Mr. Montgomery, District Manager, Public Buildings Service, and Mr. Kelly, Superintendent of National Park Service, regarding our proposal to create additional parking space through the use of some of the park area south of temporary buildings K and L.

2. While Mr. Kelly was not particularly encouraging he did agree to assign one of his horticulturists to accompany me on a sight survey of the area in order to ascertain exactly what, if any, damage would be done to the trees and more in particular to the roots of these trees if we set up parking space in that area.

3. Mr. Kelly advised that the Navy Department had been attempting for years to develop parking space in that area and had gone as far as the Secretary of the Interior without success. In view of the pending decentralization and dispersal, Mr. Kelly suggested that perhaps the temporary buildings would be torn down very shortly. Mr. Montgomery advised that because of the critical shortage of space at the seat of Government it did not appear that temporary buildings would be demolished for quite some time.

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